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FACTS AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

3. As evidence of the date of conception of the invention of this application, the following attached documents and/or models are submitted as evidence:

STATEMENT: I hereby state that conception of the invention in the above-identified patent application was made prior to April 1, 2003, as supported by Exhibit A. Exhibit A, dated October 14, 2002, shows a copy of the disclosure submitted by the inventors. I state that the concepts and features described in Exhibit A were conceived and discussed by the inventors prior to April 1, 2003.

EXHIBIT A: copy of an invention disclosure printed October 14, 2002.

Exhibit A demonstrates that the subject matter of claims 1-11, 13-22 and 24-25 were in the inventors' possession at least as early as October 14, 2002.

All elements of claims 1-6, 13, 14, 15-17, 19, 24 are shown in Option A and related description.

All elements of claims 5, 7-11, 13-15, 18, 20-22, 24 are shown in Option B and related description.

Regarding claim 25, the design was intended for use in a magnetic storage system of a type having magnetic media, a head as shown in Exhibit A for reading and writing to the magnetic media, a slider for supporting the head, and a control unit for controlling operation of the head. Accordingly, the elements of claim 25 are inherently present in the disclosure of Exhibit A.

From these Exhibits and statement, it can be seen that the invention claimed in the noted claims was made prior to April 1, 2003.

DILIGENCE

4. It is hereby declared that Applicants acted diligently up to reduction of practice or the filing date of the present patent application.

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DECLARATION

6. As a person signing below:

I hereby declare that the documents attached hereto disclose the subject matter of currently pending claims 1-11, 13-22 and 24-25 of the subject patent application. I also declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Exhibit A

1. Describe your invention, stating the problem solved (if appropriate), and indicating the advantages of using the invention.

P1 defined throat, sunken coil and flat P2 are key design features in IBM Bionic design. We need to reduce throat height to improve write efficiency as track width/write gap length decreases with future high density product. The challenge has been to control P1 saturation without compromising saturation.

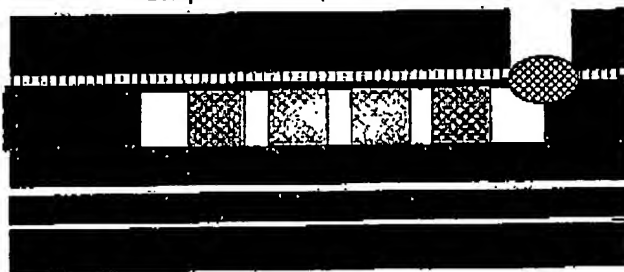
This invention teaches a method to reduce flux from P2 to P1 so that the optimal writing performance can be achieved at short throat height.

2. How does the invention solve the problem or achieve an advantage, (a description of "the invention", including figures inline as appropriate)?

Scheme a

Option A: Define P2 bump before write gap

P1 CMP
CMP stopper (Ta or C)
Photo
Ion mill
Bump formation deposition



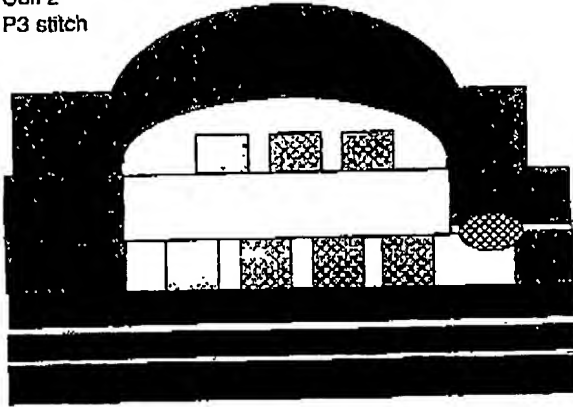
Option A:

Deposit write gap
Define P2 layer
Planarization



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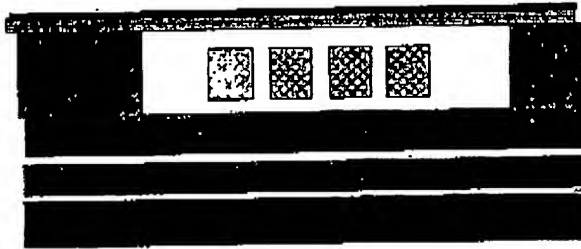
Option A:
Coil 2
P3 stitch



Scheme B

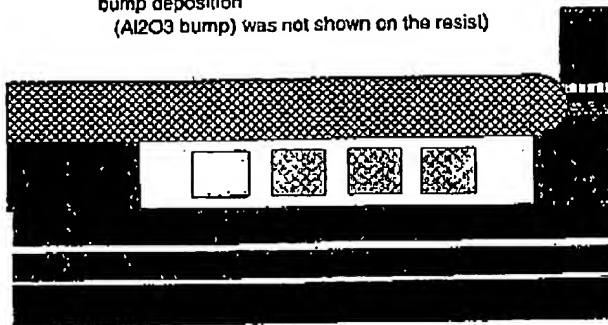
Option B: Define P2 bump after write gap

P1 CMP
Lamination gap
CMP stopper (Ta or C)
Photo
Ion mill
Bump formation fill



Option B: Define P2 bump after write gap

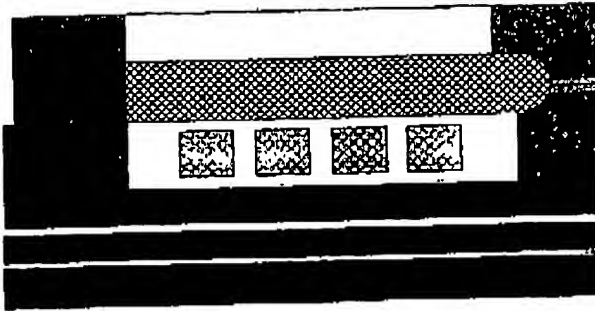
Photo
Ion mill
Trim
bump deposition
(Al₂O₃ bump) was not shown on the resist



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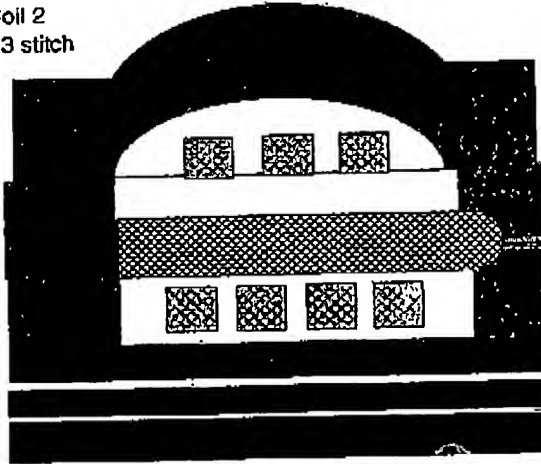
Option B: Define P2 bump after write gap

P2 formation
P2 planarization



Option B:

Coil 2
P3 stitch



3. If the same advantage or problem has been identified by others (inside/outside IBM), how have those others solved it and does your solution differ and why is it better?
no

4. If the invention is implemented in a product or prototype, include technical details, purpose, disclosure details to others and the date of that implementation.
no

*Critical Questions (Questions 1-9 must be answered in English)

*Question 1

On what date was the invention workable? 04/13/2002 Please format the date as MM/DD/YYYY

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OWNERSHIP OF THE PRESENT APPLICATION AND U.S. PATENT NO.
6,741,429 TO BAGLIN AT TIME OF INVENTION**

Dear Examiner:

The present application having serial no. 10/687,284 to Lee et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,542,331 to Chang et al. were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by and/or under subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entity, International Business Machines Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,



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COPY OF PATENT ASSIGNMENT ABSTRACT OF TITLE FOR U.S. PATENT NO. 6,542,331 TO CHANG ET AL.

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